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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 566
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A RESOLUTION To honor the Selmon-Blakely Family Reunion.

WHEREAS, Families and their respective histories of struggle with adversities, persistence in pursuit of goals and dreams, and their triumphs and tragedies are an integral part of the tapestry of American history; and

WHEREAS, The family unit is the basis of American culture and the foundation of an orderly and productive society; the framework for mutual support that the family affords its members is essential to a healthy national culture; and

WHEREAS, The Selmon-Blakely Family will hold this year's Family Reunion in Memphis on July 13-15, at the Hilton East Hotel and the New Philadelphia Church; over two hundred Selmon-Blakely family members from across the United States will be in attendance; and

WHEREAS, With roots dating back to the early 1800s, The Selmon-Blakely Family Reunion is a celebration of the commitment of generations to reflect on past accomplishments and shared joys and memories, as well as an opportunity to strengthen the immortal chain formed by each member; and

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WHEREAS, This outstanding event will consist of a red carpet reception and banquet at the Hilton East Hotel, a family picnic held on the New Philadelphia Church Grounds, and a family worship service at the New Philadelphia Church; and

WHEREAS, This year's distinguished honorees are Etta Mae White Selmon of Memphis and Cleazel Blakely of Little Rock, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Through the special endeavors of Chairperson Sophia Coger-Atkins; speakers, Dr. Darryl Kelvin Ragland and Reverend Clarence Rogers; numerous Memphis area family members; and various other volunteers and supporters, the Selmon-Blakely Family Reunion is sure to be a time for joyous recollection and for renewing old friendships, as well as building new ones; and

WHEREAS, This legislative body is proud to recognize such a vital family and to applaud their contributions to this State and Nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the Selmon-Blakely family, commend their loyalty, love for each other, and heritage, and extend to them our best wishes for this year's celebration and all future reunions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.